

1 ABSTRACT  
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3 A vertebral drill bit for forming a pathway through a  
4 pedicle into a vertebral body. The vertebral drill bit  
5 includes a cutting shank having a generally uniform diameter,  
6 an attachment head at one end of the cutting shank and a tip at  
7 the other end of the cutting shank. Also included is a point  
8 at which the diameter of the cutting shank at the second end  
9 begins to get smaller to form the tip. A flute is formed in  
10 the cutting shank and extends from the end to the tip. An edge  
11 of the flute from the first end to proximate the point is sharp  
12 for cutting, while edges of the flute from the point to the tip  
13 are rounded.